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שרשרת אינסופית Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny

P.A.S. 125th Anniversary Congregational Trip to Israel

December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008

We are waiting Gilad in our house, too, especially as we sit down to the seder.

The air has been rife with rumors and reports of a deal for the imminent release of Gilad Shalit, the Israeli corporal who was captured by tunnel-digging terrorists on the Gaza border last June. Hoping for good news, I delayed and delayed in writing this message because nothing could be more fitting to our celebration of Passover than the release of someone held captive.

Our obligation to redeem hostages (*pidyon sh'vu'ym*) comes, in part, from the rabbinic understanding of Deuteronomy 15:7 and Jeremiah 15:2, but also from the command to emulate God: just as God redeemed us from slavery in Egypt, we, too, are obligated to do whatever we can to obtain the release of hostages. *Pidyon Sh'vu'ym* is considered to be one of our greatest tenets and among the most meritorious acts we can perform.

On a very personal level, my heart goes out to the Shalit family; not a day passes when I have not thought of Gilad and his plight or the nightmare that his parents are living through. Their son—a boy—is a few years younger than mine, and I constantly project the despair and anguish my wife and I would be experiencing were we in their shoes.

So I have tried to do things to help them—and also the families of Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev, who were captured by Hezbollah on the Israeli border with Lebanon, one month after Gilad. Following a meeting and an urgent plea from the brothers of these two young men, I sought advice from a counter-terrorism expert who had just stepped down from a government position. He explained to me that because Hamas and Hezbollah are officially listed as terrorist organizations by the United States, all U.S. citizens are prohibited from having any form of contact with them. Any “arrangements” have to be left to the Israeli government, using back channels or an appeal through the Red Cross.



I signed—and we can all sign—the petition at www.freethesoldiers.org (The website is hosted by the United Jewish Communities/The Federations of North America).

But I also needed to make a personal connection to the Shalit family. Through Rabbi Zvi Berger, the Masorti rabbi in Kfar Vradim, I made a reservation to spend one night in the guest house run by Aviva and Noam Shalit. The Shalits are a typical, secular Israeli family, but they came to Rabbi Berger when it was time for Gilad and his brother to celebrate their b'nai mitzvah. Rabbi Berger explained to me further, that the Shalit family is very private. (While Noam Shalit has made public appearances and pronouncements, the spotlight is not a role he relishes; Aviva Shalit’s picture had never appeared on TV or in the Israeli newspapers). I told Zvi Berger that I was not seeking any publicity through them, and that I was not coming to them as a rabbi, either, but as a father. I only wanted to try to reach out to them and

to give them something more tangible through my presence.

Not surprisingly, Aviva and Noam Shalit declined my offer to take them to dinner. Other than practical instructions about the accommodations, conversation was nearly non-existent: “yes,” “no,” “thank you,” “good night.” Clearly this is a couple who are aching more deeply than I can know and who have no wish to share their pain. But at breakfast the next morning, when I gave Aviva Shalit “a present for Gilad... for his room...for when he returns...,” she said four words that affected me profoundly. She responded by telling me, “Tomorrow (January 9) will be two-hundred days,” (*machar yihyeh matayim yamim*) and the tears welled up in my eyes.

There is a banner across the gate of the Shalits’ village, Mitzpe Hila. It reads “Gilad, we are waiting for you at home” (*Gilad, m'chakim l'cha babayit*). We are waiting Gilad in our house, too, especially as we sit down to the seder.

Many of you said you chose [P.A.S.] because “I want to be part of this community.”

Of course all of you know we are now in the midst of the celebration of 125th anniversary of our Synagogue. Throughout my term as your chairman, I have thought innumerable times about why in New York City, with so many choices, did 1,500 families select Park Avenue Synagogue? All of the decisions I have made and continue to make reflect a great respect and appreciation of this choice. I feel this is my responsibility.

At the beginning of my term, to set the agenda for my five years in office, I asked the board and a number of our constituencies to enumerate why they chose Park Avenue Synagogue and what were their expectations from membership here. These responses created the agenda for my five years in office. Many of you said you chose it as a great place to educate yourselves and your children. This answer made me feel very proud. As with synagogues, there are innumerable religious schools throughout the city; ours is one of the very few where the majority of classes meet three times a week. There are many adult education classes offered in the city, yet you all wanted to go to class here. Others said, “it is nearby my home.” Setting this as a family priority, I also found it very heartening. But by far, the majority of you responded, “I want to be a part of this community.”

Important milestones should elicit a time for reflection. Celebrations planned for the year, creating a congregational

Torah, traveling to Israel and other very exciting events mirror the mission and values of our Synagogue, and what makes them special is that you are participating in them with your community.

However, during the next few weeks, our celebrations and commemorations focus entirely on our Synagogue’s community. March 31st, we honor all of those members who have been here for 25 years or more. They have made the Synagogue what it is today. They gave of themselves to our Synagogue, they financially supported our institution and cared about its future. I cannot wait for this Shabbat to thank them for what they have given us.

The seders this year will also focus on community. We are encouraging all of you to celebrate this most important occasion with your extended family. My family will be there and we plan to use a special Haggadah created for this anniversary year.

And finally this *Yom HaShoah* on Wednesday, April 18 at 6:00 pm we will honor our congregation’s survivors and our Holocaust Torah. It should be a most special commemoration. Their experiences are woven into the fabric of what makes our Synagogue what it is today.

I look forward to seeing all of you over the next few weeks and beyond and wish you and your family a happy and healthy Passover.



Unbroken Chain: Shared History, Shared Destiny Join us to see Israel in a new and different way. With family, friends and P.A.S. | December 22, 2007-January 1, 2008 | \$@

- ✓ share the Israel experience with fellow congregants and clergy
- ✓ create new and lasting bonds with the P.A.S. community in Israel—sure to continue upon our return
- ✓ bring your family—parents, grandparents, children and grandchildren—a truly intergenerational trip
- ✓ experience Israel in a new and different way

For more information, contact Sarah Gribetz directly at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212.369.2600, ext. 142.

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Schedule of Religious Services

Daily Minyanim Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am

Mincha Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm

Monday, April 2 14 Nisan

Erev Passover (Offices Close at 1:00 pm)

Light candles: 7:03 pm

7:15 am Siyyum B'Chorim "Fast of the First Born"

6:45 pm Passover Service

7:30 pm First Seder \$0

Tuesday, April 3 15 Nisan

Passover (Offices Closed)

Light candles: 8:03 pm

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service

7:30 pm Service

8:00 pm Second Community Seder \$0

Wednesday, April 4 16 Nisan

Second Day of Passover (Offices Closed)

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Thursday, April 5 17 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover

7:00 am Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Friday, April 6 18 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover

Light candles: 7:07 pm

7:00 am Service

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Followed by Shabbat dinner \$0

Saturday, April 7 19 Nisan

Shabbat Chol Ha Moed Passover

Food Pantry Shabbat

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 8 20 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover/Erev Yom Tov

Light candles: 7:09 pm

9:00 am Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Monday, April 9 21 Nisan

Seventh day of Passover (Offices Closed)

Light candles: 8:09 pm

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Tuesday, April 10 22 Nisan

Eighth day of Passover (Offices Closed)

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service (Including Yizkor)

5:45 pm Mincha

Friday, April 13 25 Nisan

Light candles: 7:14 pm

5:15 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 14 26 Nisan

Parashat Shmini

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Seminary Shabbat

Bar Mitzvah of Danielle Stadler,
daughter of Suzanne and Brian Stadler

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

6:00 pm Mincha

Monday, April 16 28 Nisan

Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 18 30 Nisan

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

6:00 pm Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Service and Commemoration

Thursday, April 19 1 Iyar

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

Friday, April 20 2 Iyar

Light candles: 7:22 pm

Children's Birthday Service

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

Saturday, April 21 3 Iyar

Parashat Tazria-Metzora

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bar Mitzvah of Sarah Berlinski,
daughter of Jena and Milton Berlinski

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:00 am CS Shabbat B'yachad

—Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

10:15 am Junior Congregation

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm Mincha

Monday, April 23 5 Iyar

Yom HaZikaron

Tuesday, April 24 6 Iyar

Yom HaAtzmaut

Friday, April 27 9 Iyar

Light candles: 7:29 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 28 10 Iyar

Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Music Service

Bar Mitzvah of Elias Wacht,
son of Meryl Pearlstein and James Wacht

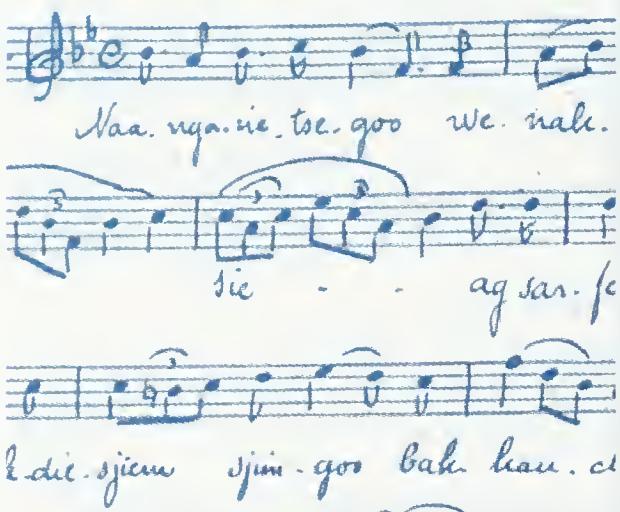
10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

6:00 pm Mincha

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Kenneth A. Stern will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



the unbroken chain of Jewish tradition by writing our own 125th Anniversary Torah, we also begin to unfold the amazing musical heritage of this historic congregation. We shall especially highlight the liturgy of the Torah Service and the ceremonies of carrying the Torah through the congregation. The *Musaf Kedusha* and the congregational songs in *Musaf* will be gloriously augmented with our musical forces. Also, we will begin to experience a few of our oldest Park Avenue Synagogue melodies and settings, some of which are still in use or in memory.

This will be the 31st of the annual Shapiro music programs, which were initiated in 1977 by the late George M. Shapiro, one of our congregation's great leaders, as a tribute to his parents, Sarah and Samuel Shapiro. During the past three decades, this annual event has brought to light hundreds of traditional and contemporary compositions and melodies that have impacted our congregation and synagogues throughout the world. Since 1999, following Mr. Shapiro's passing, his wife Rita and daughter Karen Spector have continued to support this annual musical and educational highlight as a memorial to George and his parents.

The entire community is invited to this gala Shabbat service, which will be followed by a reception sponsored by the Shapiro family in honor of the musical artists.

First Night Family Seder

Monday, April 2 | 6:45 pm Service | 7:30 pm Seder | \$0

Conducted by Cantor Lefkowitz with music led by Neil Robinson.

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Unbroken Chain: V'Higadita L'Vincha

"And you shall teach your children..."

Special 125th Anniversary Community Seder

2nd night of Passover 15 Nisan 5767 | Tuesday, April 3
7:30 pm Service | 8:00 pm Seder | \$0

Conducted by Rabbi David H. Lincoln with musical accompaniment. Celebrate with the P.A.S. community, your family and friends. We will have innovative programs and new traditions for all ages. Meaningful activities will be provided for school-aged children.

To make seder reservations, contact Naomi Lipnick at ext. 121. Members \$75/person; Non-member guests \$125/person; \$50/children under 8.

Torah in Judaism and History of P.A.S.

Annual Shapiro Liturgical Music Service

Saturday, April 28 | at 9:15 am Service

Majestic music sung for the Torah Service prayers and processions, together with selections culled from our congregation's 125-year heritage of musical tradition, will frame the focus of a glorious Shabbat Morning Service.

Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson will be joined by our Congregational Singers, the Synagogue Concert Choir, our Congregational School Youth Chorale and instruments, all directed by Neil Robinson, in celebrating the writing of our new Torah and inaugurating our yearlong 125th anniversary celebration at the Annual Shapiro Liturgical Music Service.

Historically, music has been a primary force in conveying the emotions and teachings of Judaism from generation to generation. As we begin to connect with

the 125th Anniversary Torah, we also begin to unfold the amazing musical heritage of this historic congregation. We shall especially highlight the liturgy of the Torah Service and the ceremonies of carrying the Torah through the congregation. The *Musaf Kedusha* and the congregational songs in *Musaf* will be gloriously augmented with our musical forces. Also, we will begin to experience a few of our oldest Park Avenue Synagogue melodies and settings, some of which are still in use or in memory.

From Slavery to Freedom

Friday, April 6 | after 6:15 pm Service | \$0

Celebrate Shabbat during Passover without having to cook another meal! Join us for a festive Shabbat dinner immediately following services.

To make reservations, contact Sarah Gribetz at ext. 142 or Lynley Lys at ext. 140 or e-mail FamilyEd@pasyn.org. \$45/person.

Holocaust Service and Commemoration Yom HaShoah

Wednesday, April 18 | 6:00 pm

Our keynote speaker will be Aron Krell, a longtime member of P.A.S. He was born in 1927 in Lodz, Poland and forced to live in the Lodz ghetto from April 1940 until its liquidation in August 1944, and was then imprisoned in various Nazi concentration camps, including Auschwitz-Birkenau, Sachsenhausen, and Mauthausen. He was liberated by American troops on May 5, 1945. He immigrated to the United States in 1949.

Israel's 59th Birthday Celebration Yom HaAtzmaut Party

Sunday April 22 | 2:00-4:00 pm

Featuring the much anticipated return of the *Tzofim*, Israel's Teenage Scouts, for a musical performance and visit!

Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 30 | 8:00 pm

Contact Pat Davidson at alpat1120@aol.com for more information.

Seminary Shabbat

Saturday, April 14 | 9:15 am

At our annual Seminary Shabbat we invite a representative from the Jewish Theological Seminary to be our guest speaker. This year, we will be joined by Dr. David Kraemer, JTS Head Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics.

Dr. David Kraemer is the Joseph J. and Dora Abbell Librarian and Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at The Jewish Theological Seminary. In his academic scholarship, Dr. Kraemer is particularly interested in literary analysis of rabbinic literature, rabbinic ritual and the social and religious history of Jews in late antiquity.

His articles have appeared in a wide variety of popular and academic journals. He is the author of several books, including "The Mind of the Talmud: An Intellectual History of the Babylonian Talmud" (Oxford, 1990), "Responses to Suffering in Classical Rabbinic Literature" (Oxford, 1995), "Reading the Rabbis: The Talmud as Literature" (Oxford, 1996), "The Meanings of Death in Rabbinic Judaism" (Routledge, 2000) and "Exploring Judaism: The Collected Essays of David Kraemer" (Scholars Press, 2000). He is also the editor of "Jewish Family: Metaphor and Memory" (Oxford University Press, 1989). In 2002, his essay "Self Criticism in Public" was published in "The Believer: Confronting Jewish Self-Hatred" Dr. Kraemer's new book, "Jewish Eating and Identity Through the Ages" dealing with the evolution of Jewish eating practices through the centuries, will be published in 2007.

Dr. Kraemer has been involved with the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership for many years. Under their auspices, he has lectured widely and directed a program for rabbinical students from the major movements in American Judaism. He also teaches for the Skirball Center and Meah and served as a consultant for the new permanent exhibit at The Jewish Museum.

Dr. Kraemer received his bachelor's degree from Brandeis University and his master's degree and doctorate from The Jewish Theological Seminary. In addition, he spent a year studying at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Sisterhood

Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 16 | 11:00 am

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a stimulating discussion of "The Doctor's Daughter" by Hilma Wolitzer, who will be present at our meeting. Coffee and cake will be served. Don't hesitate to come and listen and meet the author, even if you have not yet read the book.

Sisterhood

Yiddish Club

Tuesday, April 17 | 1:00 pm

The Yiddish Club will meet in the Rothschild Library for conversation, word games, poetry, and music. Coffee and cake will be served. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, you are welcome to join us. We are a warm, friendly group.

Sisterhood

The Vicky K. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture

Tuesday, April 24 | 12:30 pm

Free of charge

The Vicky K. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture is an annual event at P.A.S. It is based on the continuing theme of "Young Rabbis/New Perspectives on Jewish Thinkers." Each year a different young rabbi discusses his or her views about a noted Jewish thinker. This lecture is presented in loving memory of Vicky Wimpfheimer, an outstanding leader of P.A.S. for many years. The speaker for 2007 will be Rebecca Rosenthal, who is a Rabbinic Intern in the education department of P.A.S. Rebecca is a third year student at the Jewish Theological Seminary and is also pursuing a master's degree in Jewish education. She received her B.A. from Yale University and currently has a Wexner Graduate Fellowship at J.T.S. Rebecca will speak about the approach of various modern Jewish thinkers to social justice and social action. *All members of P.A.S. are welcome to attend this lecture. A light lunch will be served.*

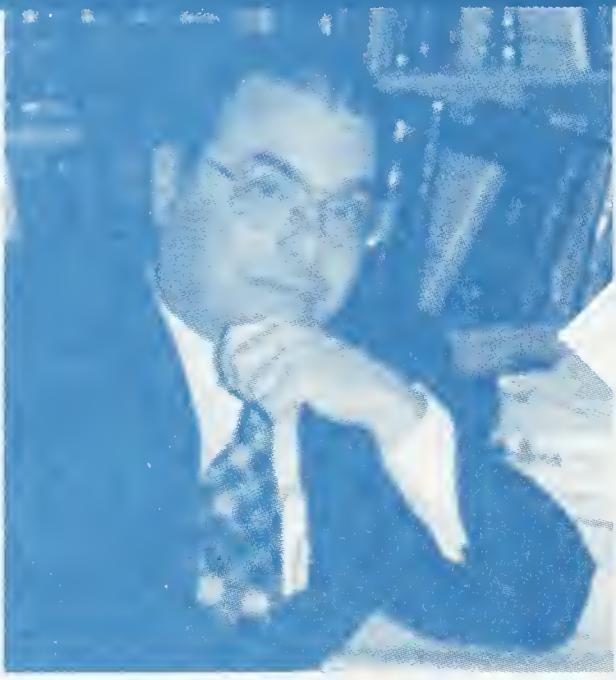
Women's Evening Group

Judy Chicago: Jewish Identity

Thursday, April 26 | 6:00-8:00 pm ©

We will visit Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion Museum for a tour of this important show. Jean Bloch Rosensaft, the Museum director, will be our leader. This fascinating exhibit including many of Judy Chicago's works focuses on the impact of her Eastern European Jewish roots and her identity as a Jewish woman, and beautifully shows her artistic vision through painting, textiles, prints, ceramics, and photography. It is presented as a part of The Feminist Art Project, a national consortium of cultural institutions promoting awareness of feminist art.

This is a not-to-be-missed experience. A light dinner will be served. Convenient to public transportation by bus or train. More information to follow. Please e-mail Paula Bernstein at phd1pb@aol.com or telephone 212-348-4868 with any questions.



P.A.S. Israel Committee
presents

A Weekend Focus on Israel

Pluralism in America and in Israel: An Orthodox Rabbi Settler Speaks Out \$10

Friday, May 4 | 6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service
followed by Shabbat Dinner and speaker Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Riskin is the Chief Rabbi, Efrat, Israel and Founder and Dean of Ohr Torah Stone Colleges and Graduate Programs, a network of Modern Orthodox high schools, colleges, graduate programs, seminaries and rabbinical schools in Israel. Born in Brooklyn and educated in New York, Rabbi Riskin was the founder and rabbi of the Lincoln Square Synagogue. In 1983, at the peak of his professional career in America, Rabbi Riskin left New York with his family to become the rabbi of the city of Efrat, a burgeoning settlement in Gush Etzion, which he and Moshe Moshkowitz had been working to establish since 1976. Efrat now numbers close to 8000 residents, and is considered to be

the central city of the Etzion Bloc. Despite his love for his life and work in New York, Rabbi Riskin strongly believed that Israel was the place for Jews, and that especially in the post-Holocaust era, the Jewish future lay in Israel.

Contact the Adult Education office at ext. 140 or 142, or e-mail AdultEd@pasyn.org. Reservations required. \$35/person.

A Weekend Focus on Israel Rabbi Reuven Hammer

Saturday, May 5 | 9:15 am Service

Rabbi Reuven Hammer will visit from Israel and speak from the bimah.

A Weekend Focus on Israel Salute To Israel Parade

Sunday, May 6

Students and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate for a day of fun and support for Israel.

Contact FamilyEd@pasyn.org if you plan to attend and to request your t-shirt.

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Synagogue Family

Welcome to P.A.S.

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Mr. Brian Cohen and Ms. Susan Simon · Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Feldman · Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heller
Mrs. Shirley Horn · Ms. Michelle Levine

Synagogue Family

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

- ~ Lillian Z. Cohen, on the loss of her sister, Marcia Goldberg
- ~ Alan Levine, on the loss of his brother, Harold Levin
- ~ Richard Nackenson, on the loss of his father, Dr. Burton L. Nackenson
- ~ Eve C. Urvater, on the loss of her mother, Rona B. Feuer

Note: if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue office: lschneider@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600.



Danielle Stadler

April 14

Danielle Stadler has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since first grade. She is a seventh grader at the Fieldston School, where history and science are her favorite subjects.

Danielle studies ballet at Ballet Academy East. For the past six winters, she has performed in Dances Patrelle's "The Yorkville Nutcracker" at the Sylvia and Danny Kaye Playhouse. Last summer, Danielle attended the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and she is looking forward to returning this summer.

Danielle also loves spending time with her friends and family. Holidays are special, particularly Passover in Florida with her cousins, aunts and uncles, grandparents and great-grandmother.

Danielle would like to thank the clergy, her teachers and her family for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.

Sarah Berlinski

April 21

Sarah Berlinski is very excited to be celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on April 21, *Shabbat Tazria-Metzora*. Sarah is a seventh grade student at the Riverdale Country School. She began her education in the Early Childhood Center and has continued on in the religious school at P.A.S. Sarah enjoys figure skating, playing on her school's soccer and lacrosse teams and is an avid reader during her down time. She looks forward to traveling, especially to see her relatives in Aruba.

Sarah has been enjoying volunteering at a soup kitchen every Wednesday with her friends from P.A.S., as well as working at Dorot visiting the elderly and serving meals at their banquets.

Sarah will read from the Torah *Tazria-Metzora* and the corresponding Haftarah portion from II Kings. This portion contains two important themes, medical-ritual practices and ethics, and the sin of slander.

Sarah is grateful to the clergy and her teachers at P.A.S. for their strong guidance in preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah.

Elias Nathaniel Wacht

April 28

Elias Wacht is a child of many interests. He is passionate about sports and plays on the seventh-grade soccer, basketball and baseball teams at Horace Mann, where he also enjoys mathematics and foreign languages. He craves the challenges of poker, chess and Sudoku. And he enjoys hanging out at his friends' houses or "talking" with them online.

A graduate of Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center, Elias has studied at the P.A.S. Congregational School for the past eight years. During the summer, Elias attends Camp Androscoggin in Maine where he has become a pro at knee-boarding.

A true New York City kid, Elias loves the action of Las Vegas, the beauty of Paris and the sophistication of London. Animals also hold particular appeal and recent trips to the Galapagos and Costa Rica were equally exciting.

Elias would like to extend his thanks to his teachers and the clergy for helping him prepare to become a Bar Mitzvah and to his parents and brother Evan for supporting him through the many hours of study.

The Roaring 20s: A Simpler Name for a More Complex Congregation

By Laurie Harris and Marcia Stone, Archives Committee

In celebrating Park Avenue Synagogue's 125th Anniversary by delving into our archives and other records, we noted in the March 2007 Bulletin that in the 1920s we were lucky to have an outstanding clergy: Rabbi Gabriel Shulman and Cantor Abraham Sukoenig; and a dedicated membership led by Jacob Friedman, president from 1917-1937. The congregation, located at 115 East 86th Street, purchased adjacent buildings, and dedicated themselves to expanding membership and facilities.

In New York City by the 1920s, there was much growth of the Upper East Side and Yorkville. The elevated trains extended north and there was more residential development accompanying a large population influx into the area. It included established upwardly-mobile households moving "uptown" plus many immigrants, both Jewish and non-Jewish, continuing to come from Germany. In this environment in the 1920s, synagogues were competing for members by building new buildings, and in a move toward assimilation, they were sometimes simplifying their names.

The story of our name change from Agudat Yesharim to Park Avenue Synagogue is contained in a copy of the petition to the court dated January 22, 1923, signed of course, by Jacob Friedman, President. The resolution was approved on December 10, 1922 at a Syna-

gogue Board meeting, and ratified by the congregation at the annual congregational meeting on December 21, 1922. (At that time annual meetings were held at the end of the secular calendar year.) The petition stated that "by the 1920s, the membership shifted from primarily Orthodox to primarily Reform Jews, and to a good many of the congre-

the congregation for the year 1924 gives us a good look at synagogue life at the time. First and foremost, Mr. Friedman relates, "comparing the past with the present, the spirit of our institution has proven to be a valuable asset reflected not only by our financial standing, but by our growth in membership," which reached 200 in 1924. Our "divine services" have a greater attendance, and the spirit of service is felt in our entire community. Cooperation has been the key-note of our success." He praises the Board, noting excellent financial management and reorganization of the cemetery records. He then commends the officers of the various "branches" (arms) of the Synagogue.

The March 2007 Bulletin related, from Jacob Friedman's annual report, the founding of the Men's Club in 1923 with a challenge for it to be as involved in Synagogue life as was the Sisterhood. The Sisterhood is the oldest "branch" or "arm" of the Synagogue. They had yearly fundraisers (at that time bazaars), and provided organizational support for Religious School holiday celebrations. They held purely social events, like card parties, and sponsored *Tikkun Olam* efforts of the congregation, sending the proceeds of a concert held in 1924 to Germany for the benefit of Jewish elderly and orphans.

A School Board, Superintendent, Principal and nine teachers governed



Rabbi Gabriel Shulman

gation, the meaning of the Hebrew words 'Agudat Yesharim' is unknown. Many of the present members of the congregation find it difficult to remember the name, and whenever the name is used, it is often misrepresented and misspelled." Also, except for official business, the name Agudat Yesharim was seldom used. Members of the congregation usually refer to the "Temple on 86th Street and Park Avenue."

Jacob Friedman's annual report to

the Religious School. Enrollment in 1924 was 190 children. There was a Post-Graduate Club, under the jurisdiction of the School Board, but with a government and curriculum of its own. According to Mr. Friedman, a new outcome of this class "is an organization known as the 'Junior League'" consisting of "graduated and confirmed children who will be the coming 'Young Folks Society' of the Synagogue." Mr. Friedman proudly emphasizes that "for the first time in our Synagogue we have a Young Folks Society grown on our religious soil," with the promise of continuity for the institution.

In Jacob Friedman's annual report to the Board and members of Park Avenue Synagogue of December, 1925, he dispensed with the usual review of the year to focus on the upcoming "very eventful year, with lots of work ahead of us, work that should be a source of happiness for it is the kind of service that will make every member of the Synagogue proud to labor under, the writing of your names in big letters on tablets of eternity."

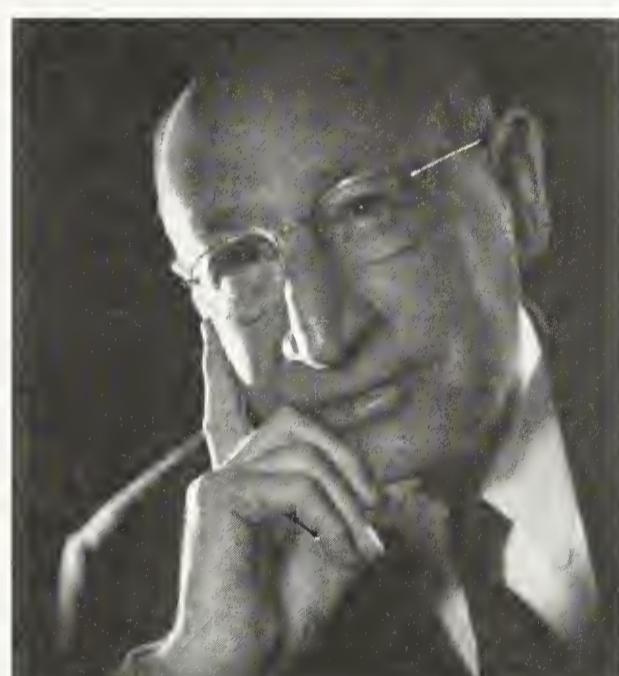
Mr. Friedman reviewed the events leading to this momentous occurrence in the history of Park Avenue Synagogue. "Seven years ago this congregation consisted of 35 members. The increase (in membership) I leave you to judge. Was it the idea that we were paving the way toward progress, that we were one

of the best organized Synagogues in Yorkville, that this organization has never known the word failure? When in 1921, the purchase of the three buildings adjoining our Synagogue was made, I said that I realized the responsibility, and regardless of severe criticism, I was willing to shoulder the responsibility. There was interest on a \$100,000 proposi-

of \$110,000 to be paid. A Building Committee was then appointed, of which Mr. Arthur Ochs was selected Chairman. This Committee has devoted every moment of spare time to the work assigned to them. Our entire Board of Trustees, every member of the different organizations of the Synagogue, has given 100% of themselves in this work. They were inspired in one common cause, the building of our new Synagogue."

"Finally, Messrs. Deutsch and Schneider were selected as the architects for our new Synagogue building. Plans and specifications have already been drawn up for adoption, and I would like to have the plans adopted in full, for I know we are going to have a beautiful Synagogue. 'Dress well, and look well' is the slogan of the day. We are entering one of the choicest neighborhoods of the City, and we will be able to give people a home that will breathe an atmosphere of quiet, of refinement, of democracy. The plans as drawn by the architects figure a little more than we anticipated spending, but I am unable at this time to give you a detailed figure." The new building was constructed by Lustbader Construction Company.

To be continued...



Jacob Friedman

tion (mortgage), a \$40,000 mortgage on the original Synagogue building, and a yearly operating loss on the new buildings."

Mr. Friedman continues "with the coming of 1925, our present Synagogue and buildings were sold for \$400,000, netting us a profit of about \$240,000. It was then time to look for other quarters. We finally purchased on 87th Street a plot 82'x100' for the sum of \$195,000. \$85,000 was paid, leaving a balance



125th Anniversary
Unbroken Chain:

Forging Your Link

May 13, 14, 15
September 30, October 1 and 2

All P.A.S. members are invited to inscribe your letter in our *Sefer Torah*. Meet our sofer, Rabbi Moshe Druin, and make an appointment for you and your family to inscribe a letter in our 125th Anniversary *Sefer Torah*.

To make an appointment, contact Heidi Silverstone, scheduling coordinator, by e-mail at heidi@pasyn.org. If you do not have access to e-mail, please contact the synagogue office at 212-369-2600.

Please consider using this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as a time to insure a strong Park Avenue Synagogue for the next 125 years. To discuss Dedication Opportunities, please contact Beryl Chernov at ext. 106.

P.A.S. Congregational Singer Rehearsals

Thursday, April 12 | 6:30-8:00 pm
Tuesday, April 17 | 6:30-8:00 pm
Thursday, April 19 | 6:30-8:00 pm
Monday, April 23 | 6:00-7:30 pm
Wednesday, April 25 | 5:30-8:00 pm

Contact the Cantors' office for more information. 212-369-2600 ext. 128.

Expecting? Before The Stork Arrives

Thursday, April 5 | 8:00 pm | Free of Charge

Spend a calm, leisurely hour with Rabbi Stern thinking and talking about Hebrew names, brit milah, baby-naming ceremonies, and pidyon haben before the stork arrives and you have to make these decisions amidst the emotions and changes that come with the arrival of your newborn.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Lincoln

Ongoing Tuesdays except during Passover | 8:00 am | Free of Charge

Jewish Thought and Practice with Rabbi Stern

Ongoing Tuesdays except during Passover | 11:00 am | Free of Charge

Rabbi Kenneth Stern teaches a course on Jewish thought and practice in an informal round-table setting in the Rothschild Library. Short readings are used as the basis for wide-ranging class discussion of noted Jewish thinkers and the issues that their work raises for today's Jews. Sponsored by Sisterhood, this course is free and open to all members of P.A.S. Don't hesitate to drop in and sample a class.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Judaism, But Were Afraid to Ask

**Ongoing Wednesdays except during Passover | 10:30 am-12:00 pm | Free of Charge
Sarah Gribetz, instructor**

Beit Ishah: A Space for Women's Learning

Ongoing Wednesdays except during Passover | 12:30 pm | Free of Charge

Rabbi Dawn Rose leads a text discussion for women based on Mishnah

Lunch 'n' Learn

Ongoing Thursdays | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | Free of Charge

Members of the Clergy and Education Department, instructors

Meet others and share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

A Lens on Israel: Modern Society as Perceived in Photographs

Tuesday, April 17 | 6:00-8:00 pm 

Join us at the acclaimed Andrea Meislin Gallery for a private showing and overview of her latest collection. *The Gallery is located in Chelsea. A bus will be provided from the synagogue.*

Israel Parade Art Workshop

Sunday, April 22 | 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Prepare for the Salute to Israel Parade by making a banner at our Workshop!

The Time is Now **כֵּבָא מִיעָד**

For the past two years, our Education Director Ron Koas has been a participant in the Leadership Institute for Congregational School Principals. This institute provides intensive professional development training to educators in leadership positions in congregational schools based on the three pillars of leadership, pedagogy, and Judaica. Fully funded through UJA-Federation of New York and administered by Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion and the Jewish Theological Seminary, 40 educators and 12 mentors have completed this process that began in July 2005. Over the two-year period, educators participated in two intensive summer seminars, eight one and two-day symposia, an Israel seminar, mentoring relationships, and the creation of an individualized learning project and an action research project for their schools.

The time has come to acknowledge our Education Director on the completion of the Leadership Institute. A *siyyum* reception will be held on Sunday, April 29th at the Jewish Theological Seminary where each participant will be honored and commended for their participation and the excitement that they have brought back to their congregation after each symposium and seminar.

We know you join us in congratulating Ron Koas on his dedication and commitment to ongoing professional learning.

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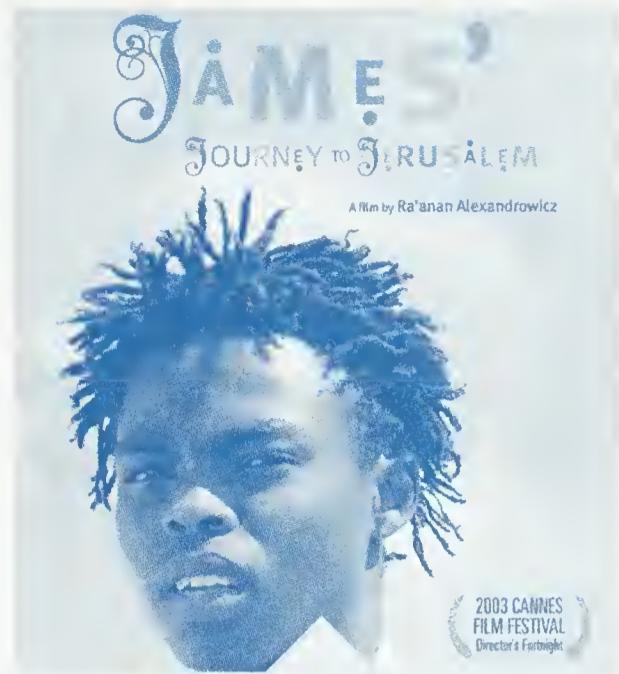
JTS Scholarship

At the P.A.S. Garden Party held at JTS last year, our congregants generously endowed three scholarships to JTS students. Michael Weis, currently a second year student in the Cantorial School, is a recipient of one of the scholarships. Originally from Chicago, he graduated from Stanford University with a degree in economics. Mike had an acting career and founded a graphic design and printing company before deciding to pursue a career as a cantor. Another scholarship recipient is Daniel Victor who is studying in both the William Davidson Graduate School of Jewish Education and the Rabbinical School. Daniel, from Newton, Massachusetts, received his undergraduate degree in Judaic

studies and sociology from Brandeis University and is currently attending Macon Schechter in Jerusalem. The third scholarship recipient is William Friedman, a student in the JTS Graduate School, pursuing an M.A. in Talmud and Rabbinics. William, a native New Yorker, attended Stuyvesant High School and received an S. B. in Computer Science from MIT before commencing his Judaic studies. It is with great pride that our congregation has enabled these students to continue their studies.

The Park Avenue Synagogue Friends of JTS is committed to fostering the relationship between P.A.S. and JTS.

Please mark your calendars for this year's Garden Party, which will be held on May 9th.



**Rothschild Library
Presents**
**Perpetual International
Jewish Film Festival**
Thursday, April 19 | 7:00 pm |
at the Rothschild
Free of Charge

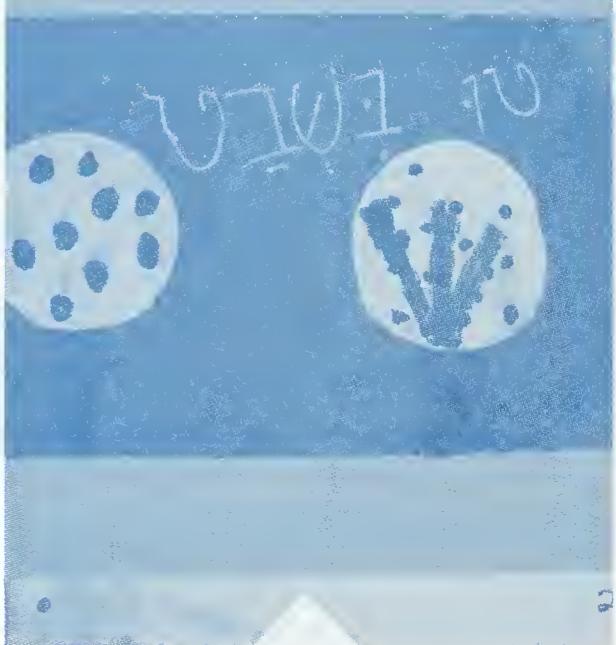
"James' Journey to Jerusalem"

This movie tells the extraordinary story of a devout Christian Zulu making his first wide-eyed pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Director Ra'anen Alexandrowicz explains that both story and character are drawn from a real person—an ex-banker from Nigeria—he met who was then cleaning houses in Tel Aviv.

Winner in three international film competitions, "James' Journey to Jerusalem" offers an important and unique insight into what has been called 'the underbelly' of Israeli economics.

Please join us and share your response to this unusual critique of Israeli society.

87 minutes, In Hebrew, Zulu, and English with subtitles.



**The P.A.S. Congregational School
invites
Parents of prospective students
to join us for
The Next Step...
Open House**

**Monday, April 16
6:30-7:45 pm
Third Floor**

**R.S.V.P. by April 11 to 212-369-2600
ext. 130 or tfigueroa@pasyn.org**

Light refreshments will be served.
Application packets will be available.

**CS Rikudiyah Dance
Festival**

**Monday, April 23 | 4:00 pm
and Tuesday, April 24 | 4:45 pm**

Parents and families are invited to attend!

B'nai Mitzvah Program

Ron Koas, Education Director

Recently we held our fourth B'nai Mitzvah Program for the year. A bar/bat mitzvah is an exciting time when great things are happening—learning a Torah portion, planning a celebration, friends and fun. But we can't forget the "mitzvah" in bat/bat mitzvah! The focus of our program this time was on mitzvot.

First, Leslie Pappas from the UJA Federation spoke with our own Sam Silverman about the "Give a Mitzvah – Do a Mitzvah" program. This program is a great way for a bat/bat mitzvah to jump-start his/her life as an adult in the Jewish community. It is a program in which youngsters contribute their time and energy to support a program they are passionate about. In the past, children have helped to create a library for learning-disabled children, deliver food to the needy, provide soccer fields for kids in Israel, and more. B'nai mitzvah can give a portion of their gifts, ask their friends and family to make donations in their honor, or thank guests with a special contribution in their name. The "Give a Mitzvah-Do a Mitzvah" program is about matching one's passions with people who need a helping hand, both here and in Israel.

Our second guest was David Lissy from the Masorti Movement. He spoke about the Bar/Bat Mitzvah for the Special Child program. Since 1995, the Masorti Movement has been running Israel's only national bar/bat mitzvah program that reaches out systematically to children with special needs in Israeli schools. Originally starting in one school, today the program operates in forty schools, hospitals and institutions throughout Israel and educates some 300 children a year. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah for the Special Child program works with youth with special needs who would not otherwise benefit from Jewish enrichment classes, and provides an opportunity for them to be called up to the Torah and experience the Jewish milestone of bar/bat mitzvah. Participants include children with a variety of special needs, and no one is turned away on the basis of the severity of his or her disability. The program attempts to re-enter these children into society as "whole people with varying differences," providing both children and families with the pride and joy of accomplishment.

May our Bar/Bat Mitzvah youngsters always be a source of pride and mitzvot!

Tikkun Olam

Children's Camp Clothing Drive

Collection Drop Off Dates:

Monday, May 14 | all day

Tuesday, May 15 | all day

Wednesday, May 16 | until 4 pm

Donate your gently used summer clothing, including clothes for Shabbat services, and athletic equipment for children ages 5 to 16.

The children who will benefit from your generosity are being sent to camp by the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

April 13 | 5:15-6:00 pm

Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and pre-school aged children, parents, grandparents and friends.

April Birthday Celebration

April 20 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with April birthdays will be called up to the bimah and honored at our April Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate.

Contact Rabbi Kenneth Stern's office for more information.

Tot Shabbat

April 21 | 11:15 am-12:00 pm

P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.

Please note There are no Toddler Classes:

Wednesday, April 4-Friday, April 6 and Wednesday, May 23-Thursday, May 24.

Sunday, April 1 13 Nisan
10:00 am Project Ezra Food Delivery

Monday, April 2 14 Nisan
Erev Passover (Offices Close 1:00 pm)
6:45 pm Passover Service
7:30 pm First Seder \$6

Tuesday, April 3 15 Nisan
Passover (Offices Closed)
9:15 am Passover Service
7:30 pm Service
8:00 pm Second Seder \$6

Wednesday, April 4 16 Nisan
Second Day Passover (Offices Closed)
No Toddler Classes

Thursday, April 5 17 Nisan
Chol Ha Moed Passover
No Toddler Classes

Friday, April 6 18 Nisan
No Toddler Classes
Chol Ha Moed Passover
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service
Followed by Shabbat dinner \$6

Saturday, April 7 19 Nisan
Shabbat Chol Ha Moed Passover

Sunday, April 8 20 Nisan
Chol Ha Moed Passover

Wednesday, April 11 23 Nisan
Cong. School Starts
4:00 pm CS Yom HaShoah Program

Thursday, April 12 24 Nisan
ECC School Starts
4:00 pm CS Yom HaShoah Program

Friday, April 13 25 Nisan
5:15 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, April 14 26 Nisan
Parashat Shmini
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Seminary Shabbat
Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Stadler,
daughter of Suzanne and Brian Stadler
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:00 am Nitzanim Service
10:15 am Junior Congregation

Sunday, April 15 27 Nisan
Kadima and Ruach group event
Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Monday, April 16 28 Nisan
6:30 pm CS Next Step Open House Meeting

Wednesday, April 18 30 Nisan
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Meeting for Hay
Parents
6:00 pm Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Service and Commemoration

Thursday, April 19 1 Iyar
Rosh Chodesh Iyar
5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Seminar
—Vav & Parents

Friday, April 20 2 Iyar
Children's Birthday Service
6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

Saturday, April 21 3 Iyar
Parashat Tazria-Metzora
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Berlinski,
daughter of Jena and Milton Berlinski
9:30 am Havurah Service
10:00 am Nitzanim Service
10:00 am CS Shabbat B'yachad
—Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration
10:15 am Junior Congregation
11:15 am Tot Shabbat

Sunday, April 22 4 Iyar
10:00 am Salute to Israel Parade Art Workshop
2:00 pm Yom HaAtzmaut Party
Featuring the Tzofim—Israel Scouts

Monday, April 23 5 Iyar
Yom HaZikaron
4:00 pm CS Rikudiyah Dance Festival

Tuesday, April 24 6 Iyar
Yom HaAtzmaut
4:45 pm CS Rikudiyah Dance Festival

Thursday, April 26 8 Iyar
ECC Spring Benefit

Saturday, April 28 10 Iyar
Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
9:15 am Sanctuary Music Service
Bar Mitzvah of Elias Wacht,
son of Meryl Pearlstein and James Wacht
10:00 am Nitzanim Service
10:15 am Junior Congregation

Celebrating a Simcha?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast *Kiddush* any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

Contact Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600.

Bikur Cholim Caring Committee

In Loving Memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell

Do you know someone ill, elderly, or homebound who would benefit from compassionate personal attention? The Park Avenue Synagogue Bikur Cholim Caring Committee reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee is comprised of trained volunteers who are committed to providing hands-on support and companionship to those valued members of our congregation. All interactions are confidential.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Lincoln's office at 212-369-2600 ext. 120.

Kol Nidre Appeal 2006/5767

Donations from January 18 to February 15, 2007

Mr. Irving Hoffman
Mr. and Mrs. Shahab Karmely
Mr. and Ms. Lewis Liman

Bible Fund

Ronnie, David and Josh Parker, *in memory of Sadie "Moma" Feiwer, mother of Herb and Harriet Feiwer.*

Bikur Cholim

Mrs. Ruth Levenson, *in memory of her beloved husband, Ralph Levenson.*
Leah and Barrie Modlin, *in honor of Harry Krieger's 94th birthday.*

Congregational School Fund

The Golden Family, *in memory of Yaffa Nishli's brother, Menashe Lazimy.*
Jayne, Larry, and Stephen Thylan Nussbaum, *in memory of Edith F. Zitwer, mother of Mary Sue Zitwer Millman.*
Jayne, Larry and Stephen Thylan Nussbaum *in memory of Menashe Lazimy, brother of Yaffa Nishli.*
E.J. Borrack and Robert Reider, *in memory of the beloved father of Jodee Martin.*
E.J. Borrack and Robert Reider, *in memory of the beloved brother of Yaffa Nishli.*
Teachers & Staff at P.A.S. School, *in memory of Moshe Engelman.*
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Hesed Fund

Mrs. Carol Antler, *in memory of Frederick Rothstein on his Yahrzeit.*
Mrs. Florence Solomon, *in honor of Sarah Gribetz's leadership of the Shabbaton program.*

High School Food Pantry

The Bass Family, *in loving memory of Betty Jolson.*
Karen and Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Herbie Siperstein.*
Karen and Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Ralph Todd.*
Karen and Richard Bass & Family, *in memory of Andrew Stein's mother.*
Karen and Richard Bass and Family, *in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arensberg's aunt.*
Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Basuk, *in memory of Richard W. Cohen.*
Louis Bernstein and Dr. Barbara Weinstein, *in honor of their anniversary.*
The Bromer Family, *in honor of Brody Jacob Skala.*
Mr. Joel W. Caesar, *to honor the memory of Richard W. Cohen.*
Mr. Leon Demb, *in honor of Floy Kaminski's birthday.*
Mr. Leon Demb, *in honor of Sheera Gluck's birthday.*
Mr. Leon Demb, *in honor of Anita Gluck's birthday.*
Mr. Leon Demb, *in honor of Susan Heller's birthday.*
Mr. Saul A. Fern, *in memory of Richard W. Cohen.*
Kenneth and Jeanne Frankl, *in memory of Richard Warren Cohen.*

Mrs. Anita Gluck and Family, *in memory of Beatrice D. Parker, mother of David Parker.*

Mrs. Anita Gluck and Family, *in memory of Sadie Feiwer, mother of Herb Feiwer.*

Ernest and Herta Gottschalk, *in honor of Leon Demb's birthday.*

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz.

J. Penny Larson, *in memory of Richard W. Cohen.*

Ms. Ruth Rothseid, *in memory of her beloved grandparents, Lillian and David Braidy.*

Ms. Ruth Rothseid, *in memory of her beloved father, Dr. Albert S. Rothseid.*

Ms. Ruth Rothseid, *in memory of Sadie Feiwer, mother of Herb Feiwer.*

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of her beloved father, Murray J. Weinstein.*

Dr. Barbara Weinstein, *in memory of her beloved brother, Dr. Ira N. Weinstein.*

Liturgical Music Fund

Mrs. Florence Solomon, *in honor of Cantor Abramson and Cantor Lefkowitz's inspiring Havdalah service.*

Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Doris and Henry Murad, *in memory of Marcelle David.*

Prayer Book Fund

The Dessler Family, *in honor of Arthur Ainsberg's 60th birthday.*

Mrs. Dorothy Lang, *in memory of her beloved mother, Ida Kleiman.*

Andrea and Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Beatrice D. Parker, mother of David Parker.*

Jacqueline and Bob Willens, *in memory of Dr. Louis Sherwood.*

Welfare Fund

Patricia and Milton Fuchs, *in memory of Mrs. Norman Kanoff.*

David and Gail Furman and Family, *in honor of our son, Jonathan Mark Furman's Bar Mitzvah celebration. Thanks to Rabbi Lincoln and all the clergy and educators at P.A.S. who assisted our son in preparation for this major milestone.*

Dr. and Mrs. Jerrold, *in memory of Dr. Sol Sobel.*

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Mesznik, *thanking Rabbi Lincoln for conducting the funeral of his mother, Eugenie Mesznik.*

Synagogue Offerings

Dr. Herbert Abrams, *in memory of his beloved father, Harold Abrams.*

Toni Allen, *in memory of Sadie Feiwer, mother of Herb Feiwer.*

Dr. Jean Pakter Bachman, *in memory of her beloved brother, Louis Pakter.*

Mr. Martin Bell, *in honor of his birthday.*

Vivian and Daniel Bernstein, *in memory of Sadie Feiwer, mother of Herb Feiwer.*

Mr. Morris Biederman, *in memory of his beloved mother, Anna Y. Biederman.*

Dr. Robert Blankfein, *in honor of the memory of his beloved mother, Freda Blankfein.*



Mrs. Sheri Bleustein, *in memory of her beloved father, Howard Simon.*
Mrs. Sheri Bleustein, *in memory of her beloved grandmother, Nettie Hyman.*
Mr. David Brand, *in memory of his beloved father, Maurice Brand.*
Mr. Mordecau Braunstein, *in memory of his beloved mother, Helen Braunstein.*
Mr. Michael Brenner, *in loving memory of his mother, Bella Brenner.*
Drs. Manfred and Matilda B. Brust, *in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.*
Mr. H. Paul Burak, *in memory of his beloved mother, Bette H. Burak.*
Mrs. Bonnie Chajet, *in memory of her beloved father, Richard Loeb.*
Clive and Bonnie Chajet, *in honor of the birth of Sasha Muriel Chajet Wides.*
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Charrow, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Esta Chavkin, *in memory of her beloved mother, Janet Greenberg.*
Mr. Theodore Cohn, *in memory of his beloved father, Julius Cohn.*
Ms. Barbara Cooper, *in memory of her beloved father, Jacob Berman.*
Mr. Leon Demb, *in honor of his birthday.*
Dr. Juliet Diller, *in memory of her beloved sister, Blanche Rubin.*
Ms. Hollis Dorman, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris Dorman.*
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Drachman, *in memory of their beloved son, Mark Drachman.*
Mrs. Harriet Feiwell, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. David Freedberg, *in memory of his beloved mother, Ann Freedberg.*
Mr. Herbert Frommer, *in memory of his beloved father, Benjamin Frommer.*
David and Gail Furman & Family, *in honor of our son, Jonathan Mark Furman's Bar Mitzvah celebration. Thanks to Rabbi Stern, Cantor Lefkowitz and Cantor Abramson and all the educators at P.A.S. who assisted our son in preparation for this major milestone.*
Mrs. Gail Furman, *in memory of her beloved mother, Deborah Babus Gorin.*
Mr. Clifford Gelb, *in memory of his beloved father, Al Gelb.*
Ms. Elaine Gilde, *in memory of her beloved mother, Rena Gilde.*
Mrs. Mary Goldman, *in memory of her beloved father, Hyman Gilbert.*
Mr. Abraham E. Goll, *in memory of Marcia Goll and Rose Leviton.*
Mr. William Gorin, *in memory of his beloved mother, Deborah Babus Gorin.*
Mr. David Greenbaum, *in memory of his beloved father, Walter Greenbaum.*
Mr. Charles Greenberg, *in memory of his beloved father, Herman Greenberg.*
Mr. Efraim Grinberg, *in memory of his beloved father-in-law, Bernard Fishman.*
Dr. Basil Hyman, *in memory of his beloved mother, Mattie Hyman.*

Dr. and Mrs. Basil Hyman, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Carol Hyman, *in memory of Seymour Schechter.*
Mr. Alan L. Jacobs, *in memory of his beloved father, Herbert E. Jacob.*
Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Katz, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mrs. Gladys Kessler, *in memory of her beloved mother, Tilly Millian Bloomfield.*
Mrs. Gladys Kessler, *in memory of her beloved father, Bernard Bloomfield.*
Mrs. Janet Kramer, *in memory of her beloved father, Irving Rosenfeld.*
Mrs. Susan Wiener Krevat, *in memory of her beloved father, Edward Wiener.*
Mr. Martin Levenson, *in memory of his beloved father, Barney Levenson.*
Mr. Bernard Leventhal, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mrs. Laila Levitas, *in memory of Ethel Hirschtritt, mother of Joel Hirschtritt.*
Dr. Ann Lyons, *in memory of her beloved mother, Gussie Moskowitz.*
Jaimee and Richard Marshall, *in memory of Reba Buxbaum, mother of our dear friend Arline Tarte.*
Ms. Sandra Mayerson, *in honor of her birthday.*
Judge Millard L. Midonick, *in memory of his beloved sister, Vivian Dicker.*
Mrs. Lisa Miller, *in memory of her beloved father, Sidney Applebaum.*
Mrs. Janet Moss, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. and Mrs. Murray Mruvka, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Mr. Herbert Nadler, *in memory of his beloved father, Jack Nadler.*
Mrs. Josephine Berger-Nadler, *in memory of her beloved husband, Dr. M. Leon Canick.*
Dr. Stephen Nadler, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mr. Stanley Nasberg, *in memory of his beloved mother, Myra Nasberg.*
Dr. Barbara Paris, *in memory of her beloved mother, Rose Cammer.*
Dr. Morris M. Podolsky and Ms. Laurie Ferber Podolsky, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Dr. Brian Pollack, *in honor of his birthday.*
Robert and Dale Rosen, *in honor of Gershon and Carol Kekst.*
Mrs. Sandra Rosen, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris Ratzkin.*
Mrs. Phyllis Rosenberg, *in honor of her birthday.*
Willa and Joe Rosenberg, *in memory of Richard Cohen.*
Mrs. Joann Abrams Rosoff, *in memory of her beloved mother and father, Dr. Anna Thurnman Abrams and Joseph B. Abrams.*
Mr. Richard Samuels and Dr. Janet Weisberg, *in memory of their beloved daughter, Devorah Lynn Greenberg.*
Ms. Anita Sands, *in memory of her beloved mother, Lily Suszner.*
Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, *in honor of the Yahrzeit of her beloved husband, Henry Schneider.*
Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, *in memory of her beloved father, Morris Barasch.*
Mrs. Jacqueline Schneider, *in memory of her beloved daughter, Barbara Bruckner.*
Mr. Andrew Schnipper, *in honor of his birthday.*

Mrs. Lili Mahlab Seiden, *in honor of the Yahrzeit of Edward Mahlab and Beatrice Seiden.*
Dr. Gloria Shafer, *in honor of her birthday.*
Mr. Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved mother, Fannie Silver.*
Dr. and Mrs. Philip Snell, *in honor of their anniversary.*
Ms. Irene Sommerfeld, *in memory of her beloved father, Herman Sonumerfeld.*
Ms. Margot Steinberg, *in memory of Beatrice D. Parker, mother of David Parker.*
Dr. Claire Steinberger, *in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Steinberger.*
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Taub, *in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.*
Mrs. Roxana Tetenbaum, *in memory of her beloved father, Joseph Sobie.*
Mr. Marvin Torker, *in honor of his birthday.*
Mrs. Nancy Treiger, *in memory of her beloved father, Martin Davis.*
Mr. Frank Wolf, *in memory of his beloved father, George Wolf.*
Mrs. Laure Zacharias, *in memory of her beloved father, Arthur Ziv.*
Dr. Phyllis Zilkha.

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Highlights: Gala 2007



**Special thanks to co-chairs
Nadine Habousha Cohen and Judith B. Poss**

Mark your calendars for March 1, 2008 and our Unbroken Chain: 125th Anniversary Gala
featuring a special tribute to Rabbi David H. Lincoln

Calendar of Events April 2007

Sunday, April 1 13 Nisan

10:00 am Project Ezra Food Delivery

Monday, April 2 14 Nisan

Erev Passover (Offices Close at 1:00 pm)

Light candles: 7:03 pm

7:15 am Siyyum B'Chorim "Fast of the First Born"

6:45 pm Passover Service

7:30 pm First Seder \$10

Tuesday, April 3 15 Nisan

Passover (Offices Closed)

Light candles: 8:03 pm

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service

7:30 pm Service

8:00 pm Second Community Seder \$10

Wednesday, April 4 16 Nisan

Second Day of Passover (Offices Closed)

No Toddler Classes

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Thursday, April 5 17 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover

No Toddler Classes

7:00 am Service

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

5:45 pm Mincha

8:00 pm Expecting?/Rabbi Stern

Friday, April 6 18 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover

Light candles: 7:07 pm

No Toddler Classes

7:00 am Service

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Followed by Shabbat dinner \$10

Saturday, April 7 19 Nisan

Shabbat Chol Ha Moed Passover

Food Pantry Shabbat

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 8 20 Nisan

Chol Ha Moed Passover/Erev Yom Tov

Light candles: 7:09 pm

9:00 am Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Monday, April 9 21 Nisan

Seventh day of Passover (Offices Closed)

Light candles: 8:09 pm

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:00 am Service

5:45 pm Mincha

Tuesday, April 10 22 Nisan

Eighth day of Passover (Offices Closed)

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Passover Service (Including Yizkor)

5:45 pm Mincha

Wednesday, April 11 23 Nisan

Cong. School Starts

10:30 am Judaism Class

12:30 pm Beit Ishah

4:00 pm CS Yom HaShoah Program

Thursday, April 12 24 Nisan

ECC School Starts

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

4:00 pm CS Yom HaShoah Program

6:30 pm Congregational Singer Rehearsals

Friday, April 13 25 Nisan

Light candles: 7:14 pm

5:15 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 14 26 Nisan

Parashat Shmini

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service, Seminary Shabbat

Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Stadler,

daughter of Suzanne and Brian Stadler

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 15 27 Nisan

Kadima and Ruach group event

Rosh Chodesh: it's a girl thing!

Monday, April 16 28 Nisan

Yom HaShoah

11:00 am Sisterhood Daytime Book Group

6:30 pm CS Next Step Open House Meeting

7:00 pm Israel Trip Parlor Meeting

for adults traveling without children

7:15 pm WEG Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 17 29 Nisan

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln

11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

1:00 pm Sisterhood Yiddish Club

6:00 pm A Lens on Israel \$10

6:15 pm Men's Club Board Meeting

6:30 pm Congregational Singer Rehearsals

Wednesday, April 18 30 Nisan

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

10:30 am Judaism Class

12:30 pm Beit Ishah

5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Mtg. for Hay Parents

6:00 pm Yom HaShoah

Holocaust Service and Commemoration

7:30 pm Moonbeams Meeting

Thursday, April 19 1 Iyar

Rosh Chodesh Iyar

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

5:30 pm CS B'nei Mitzvah Seminar

—Vav & Parents

6:30 pm Congregational Singer Rehearsals

7:00 pm Film Series: "James' Journey to Jerusalem"

8:15 pm Board of Trustees/Advisory Council Mtg.

Friday, April 20 2 Iyar

Light candles: 7:22 pm

Children's Birthday Service

6:15 pm Passionate Davening Service

Saturday, April 21 3 Iyar

Parashat Tazria-Metzora

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Berlinski,
daughter of Jena and Milton Berlinski

9:30 am Havurah Service

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:00 am CS Shabbat B'yachad

—Yom HaAtzmaut Celebration

10:15 am Junior Congregation

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 22 4 Iyar

10:00 am Salute to Israel Parade Art Workshop

2:00 pm Yom HaAtzmaut Party

Featuring the Tzofim—Israel Scouts

Monday, April 23 5 Iyar

Yom HaZikaron

4:00 pm CS Rikudiyah Dance Festival

6:00 pm Congregational Singer Rehearsals

Tuesday, April 24 6 Iyar

Yom HaAtzmaut

8:00 am Talmud Study/Rabbi Lincoln

11:00 am Tuesday Topics/Rabbi Stern

12:30 pm Sisterhood:

Vicky K. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture

4:45 pm CS Rikudiyah Dance Festival

Wednesday, April 25 7 Iyar

10:30 am Judaism Class

12:30 pm Beit Ishah

5:30 pm Congregational Singer Rehearsals

Thursday, April 26 8 Iyar

ECC Spring Benefit

11:00 am Lunch'n'Learn

6:00 pm WEG visit to Hebrew Union

College Museum \$10

Friday, April 27 9 Iyar

Light candles: 7:29 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday, April 28 10 Iyar

Parashat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim

7:30 am Hashkama Service

9:15 am Sanctuary Music Service

Bar Mitzvah of Elias Wacht,

son of Meryl Pearlstein and James Wacht

10:00 am Nitzanim Service

10:15 am Junior Congregation

6:00 pm Mincha

Sunday, April 29 11 Iyar

Monday, April 30 12 Iyar

8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group

Daily Minyanim: Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am; **Mincha** Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm. Information is subject to change. Confirm at www.pasyn.org or with the office. See page 5 for Religious Services schedule, page 15 for Children's/School Programs schedule.



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A Look Ahead

Plan ahead to celebrate our anniversary together: Read your mail, consult the *Calendar of Events*, surf our website and check your e-mail.

Focus on Israel Shabbat

Friday, May 4 | Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Saturday, May 5 | Rabbi Reuven Hammer

Sunday, May 6 | Salute to Israel Parade

Students and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate for a day of fun and support for Israel.

Contact FamilyEd@pasyn.org if you plan to attend and to request your t-shirt.

Tikkun Olam Meeting

Tuesday, May 15 | 6:30 pm

Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs Metro Region Annual Awards Dinner

Wednesday, May 30 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Temple Israel of Great Neck

Summer Programs 2007

Synagogue Walking Tours

Sunday, June 26 | Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, NYC

Sunday, July 29 | Touro Synagogue, Newport, RI

Tuesday, August 7 | Eldridge Street Synagogue, NYC

Save the Date

PAS/JTS Garden Party

May 9

Question: If Adam and Eve gave a party, how would the invitation read?
Answer: *Come to a Garden Party*—everyone will be there!